

REMARKS

Claims 6-13, 16 and 17 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5, 14, 15 and 18-22 have been canceled.

The Amendment filed on May 24, 2004, was held non-compliant because claim 8 is missing from the complete listing of claims.

The complete listing of claims as included with this Response includes original claim 8. Accordingly, the Amendment dated May 24, 2004, as taken with this Response, should now be held compliant.

Accordingly, favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Telesz, Jr.", written over the printed name.

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